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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2009 requiring restriction and election with respect to the pending claims. With this response, claims 1-16 remain pending.

1. Restriction Requirement

The Office Action requires restriction and characterizes claims 1-16 as directed to the following inventions which are allegedly not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1:

Invention	Claims
Group I (claims 1-15)	Drawn to a quality control oligonucleotides and their use in microarray applications.
Group II (claim 16)	Drawn to an oligonucleotide including Mycobacterium genus specific internal transcribed spacer sequence which is useful for differentiating Mycobacteria strains.

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.499, Applicants elect, without traverse, the claims of Invention of Group I for examination. Invention of Group I corresponds to pending claims 1-15.

Applicants hereby reserve the right to pursue rights in the fullest extent of subject matter of the present invention including, but not limited to, unelected inventions and inventions of other asserted species, in the present application or any subsequently filed continuation, divisional and/or continuation-in-part applications.

2. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted all pending claims are believed allowable and in condition for allowance. Passage to issuance is, therefore, respectfully requested. The undersigned believes that this reply is responsive to each and every item raised in the Office Action; if the Examiner considers otherwise, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned as soon as conveniently possible to resolve any issue.

It is believed that no fee is due for this submission. If this is incorrect, please charge any required amount to Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

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